Minimum specifiactions for Nursery Schools

4146. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Council of Eduaction Research and Training (NCERT) have set the minimum specifications for the Nursery Schools; and

(b) if so, whether these specifications have been implemented and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) NCERT has recently developed draft minimum specifications for Nursery Schools, which have been circulated widely and comments/ suggestions invited thereon. Specifications and norms are generally not finalised and communicated to State Governments for implementation without due consultation with them.

Anganwadi Centres

4147. SHRI K. G. MAHESWARAPPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Anganwadi Centres, workers and helpers in Karnataka;

(b) whether Government are aware that the Anganwadi workers resorted to agitation and hunger strike for the increase of honourarium and the general improvement in their service conditions; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN TNE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) Under Integrated Child Development Services Programme in Karnataka 22164 Centres under central sector and 3284 Centres under State Sector are sanctioned. Accordingly, 22164 Anganwadi Workers and 22164 Helpers under Central Sector and 3284 Anganwadi Workers and 3284 Helpers under State Sector are sanctioned.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Anganwadi Workers have been demanding status of Government Servants and improvement in financial benefits particularly the rates of monthly honorarium.

(c) Government is unable to accept the demand for giving the status of government employees to Anganwadi Workers and Helpers as it will be against the basic principles of the Integrated Child Development Services Scheme. The Scheme is based on voluntary and community participation of village women who work on part time (4½ hours daily) basis as voluntary workers selected from the local community. As regards, revision of honorarium of the Anganwadi Workers and Helpers, the matters is receiving Govenment's utmost attention.

Amendment of All India Council of Technical Education Act

4148. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Janardhan Reddy Committee has recommended amendment of the All India Council of Technical Education Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to amend the same;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) The CABE

(Central Advisory Board of Education) Committee on Policy (Janardhan Reddy Committee) made the following recommendation in regard to the All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) Act:

"The AICTE Act should be amended and Para 6.19 of NPE should be reformulated. The Regional Committee of the AICTE should be adequately staffed and the Chairman of the Regional Committee should be an Education Minister of a State from the region, by rotation. The Regional Committee should have the power to make recommendations on the opening of new institutions, starting of new courses and enhancing the intake within the frame-work of the guidelines laid down by the AICTE. The State Governments and the universities should issue the necessary approvals based on the recommendations of the Regional Committees only."

(c) to (e) The report of the CABE Committee on Policy is now to be considered by the CABE. The Government will finalise its views on the matter after receipt of the CABE's recommendations.

खेल-कूद के विकास के नाम पर सहायता

4149. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल** : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने उद्योगपति, श्री सिंघानिया को सहायता के रूप में 3,00,000 डालर राशि प्रदान करने के संबंध में अंतिम रूप से निर्णय लिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस निर्णय का आधार क्या है ; और

(ग) क्या खेलों के विकास के नाम पर व्यक्तिगत लाभ पहुंचाने के लिये इतनी बड़ी राशि की स्वीकृति दी गई है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास (युवा कार्य और खेल विभाग) मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (महिला और बाल विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (कुमारी ममता बनर्जी) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Committee to augument computer education and training

4150. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRI B. L. PANWAR:

SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee was set up to recommend measures to augument computer education and training; and

(b) if so, whether it has submitted its report and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Committee has submitted its report and the main recommendaions made by the Committee are as under: (i) Teaching and tarining establishments should be encouraged to promote commercially viable companies in software applications and tarining and Computer faculty should also be encouraged to set up their own commercially operated enterprises to provide computerisation and training.

(ii) About Rs. 1,000 crores may be provided over a period of three years for setting up of five new Advanced Information Systems Institutes like IITs, upgradation of about 15 existing main